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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroto SUGANO et al. Group Art Unit: 3722

Application No.: 10/678,217 Examiner: A. Abdelwahed

Filed: October 6, 2003 Docket No.: 117450

For: TAP HAVING THREADED PORTION COATED WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON COATING

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 19, 2004 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response being constructively extended to February 21, 2005 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.